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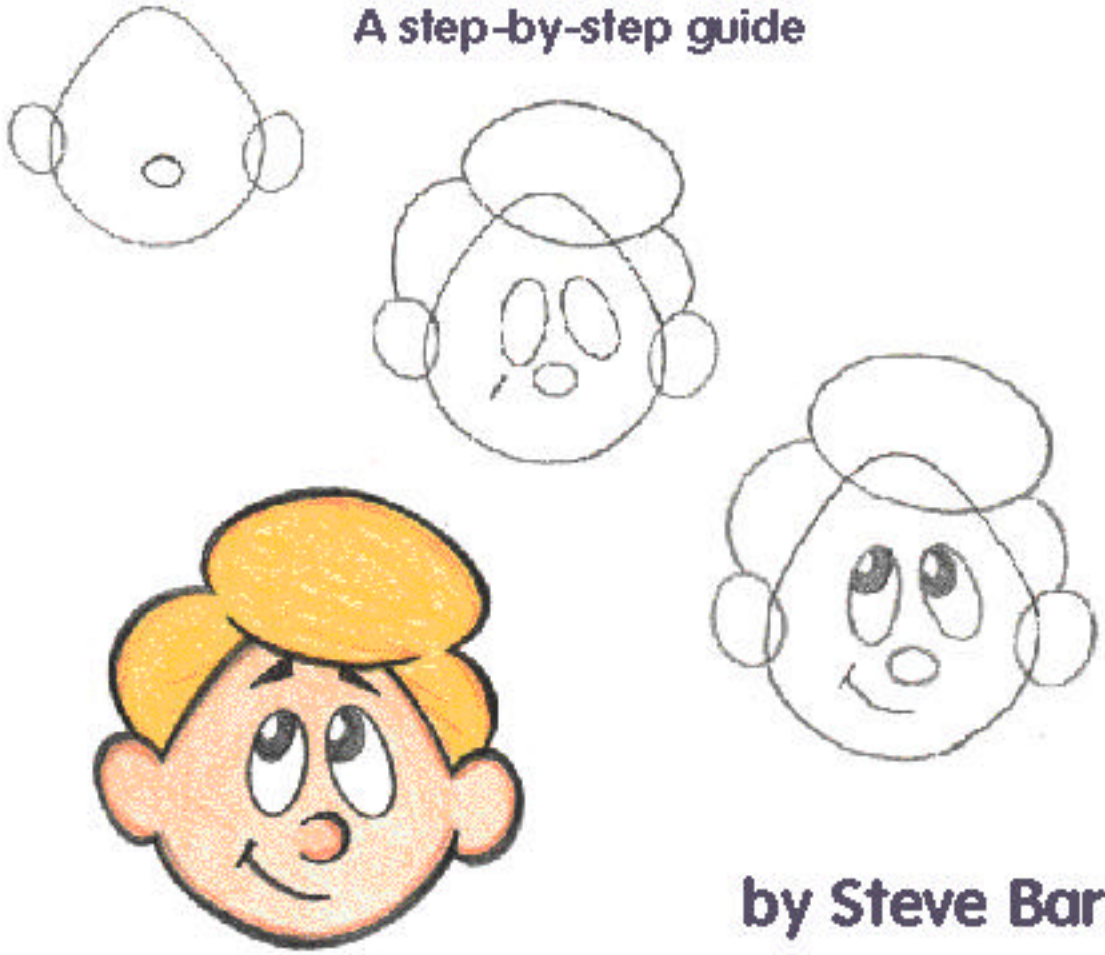

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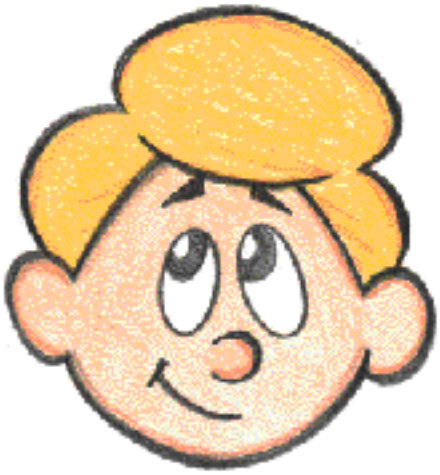

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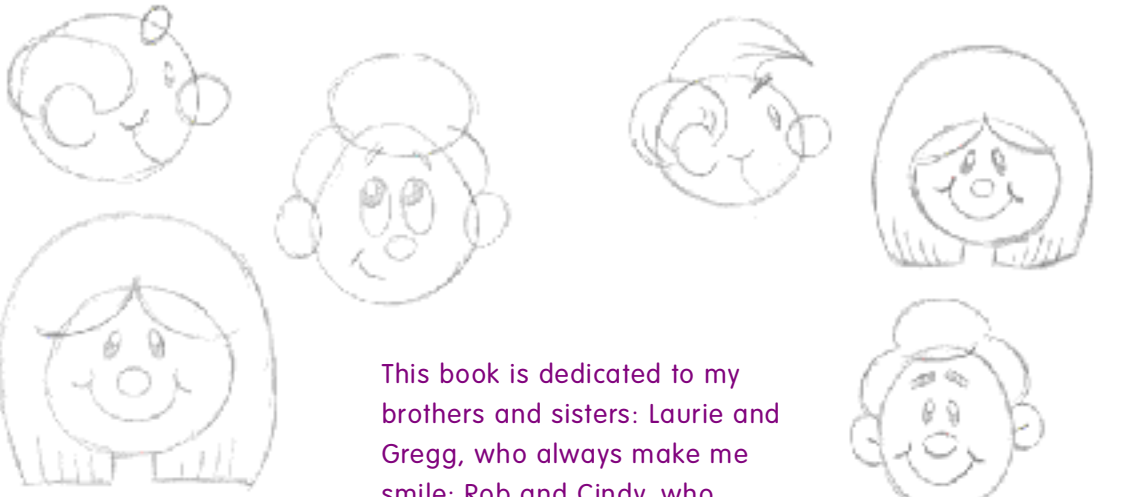

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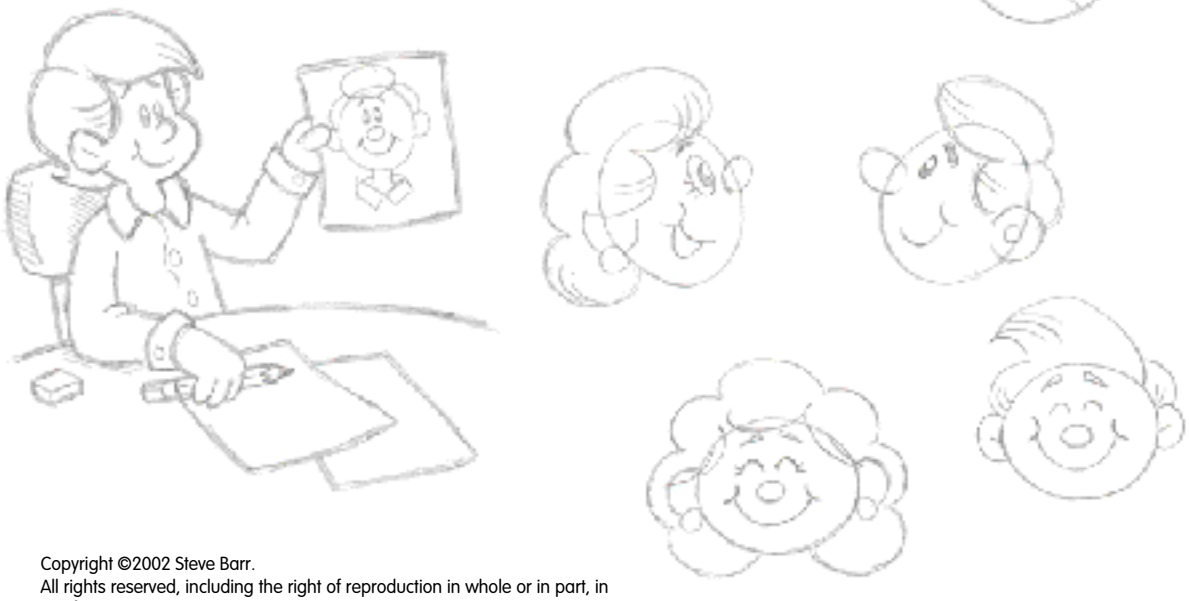

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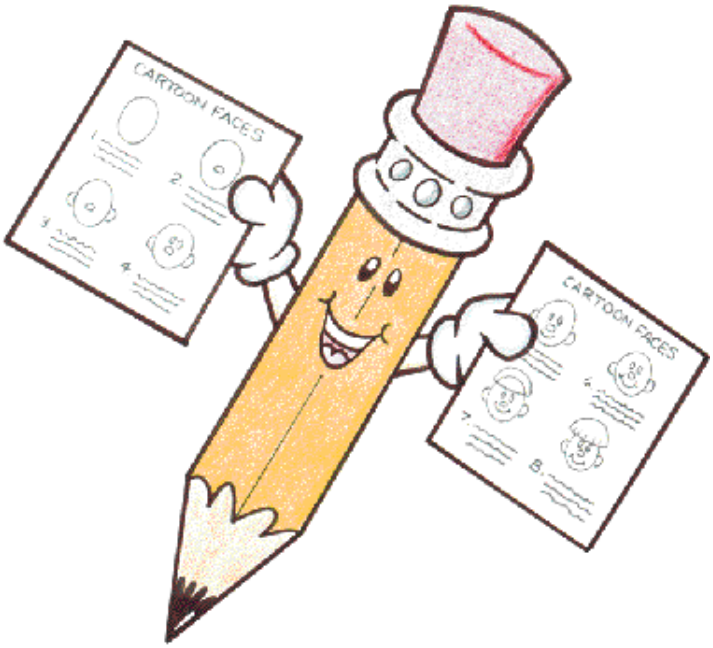

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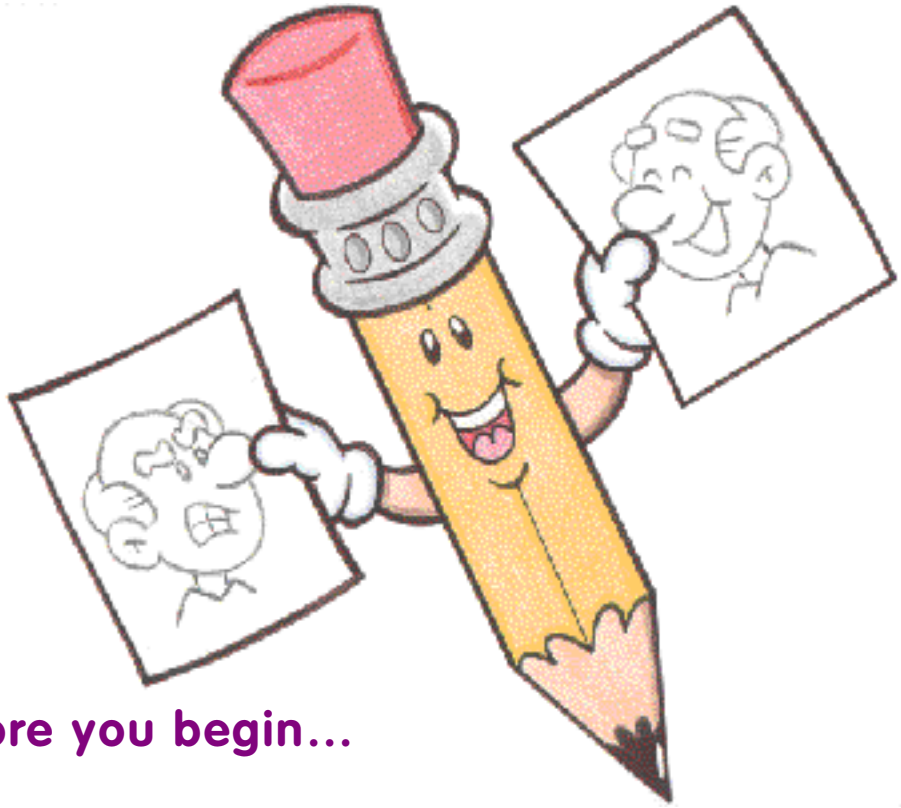

Before you begin...

Stop! Look! Listen!

You will need:

1. a sharpened pencil
2. paper
3. an eraser
4. a pencil sharpener
5. colored pencils, markers or crayons
6. a comfortable place to sit and draw
7. a good light source

Let's draw cartoon faces!

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This book is designed to teach the basics of drawing cartoon faces. There are no rules about cartooning, so you can spend hours sketching, doodling and playing with different lines and shapes.

Sketch, doodle, play!

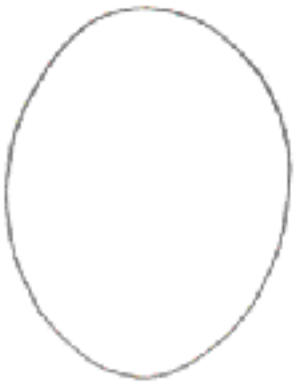
If the instructions tell you to use an oval to draw a nose and you want to use a triangle, draw a triangle. Cartooning is all about having fun drawing. Explore, experiment with crazy ideas. If it makes you smile and makes your friends giggle, you're doing it right!

Cartooning tips:

1. Draw lightly at first—SKETCH, so you can erase extra lines easily.
2. Practice, practice, practice!
3. Have fun cartooning!

Basic Shapes and Lines

Here are basic shapes and lines you will use to draw cartoon faces:



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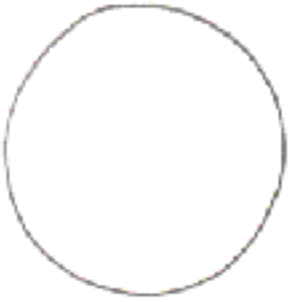

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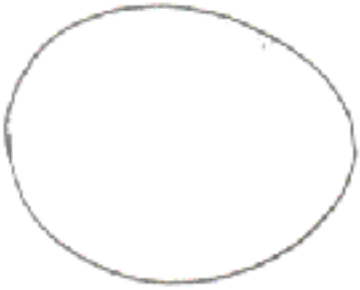

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Triangle

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Squiggly lines

Curved lines

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Boy's Face

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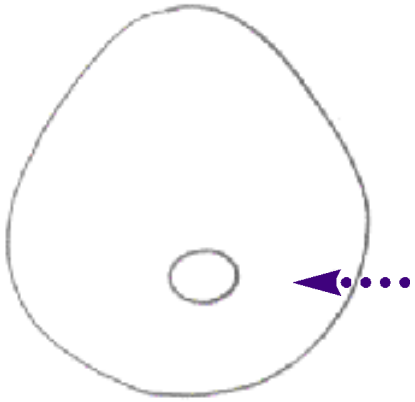
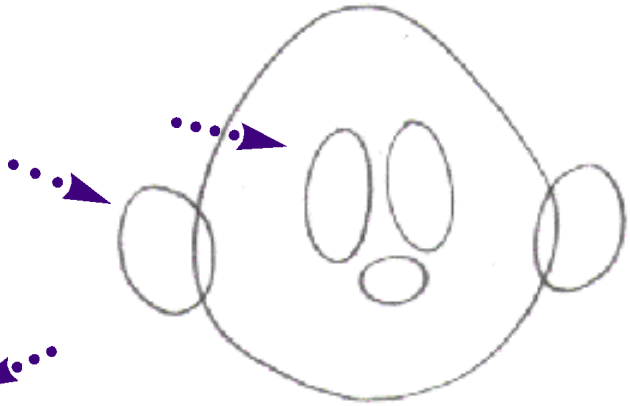
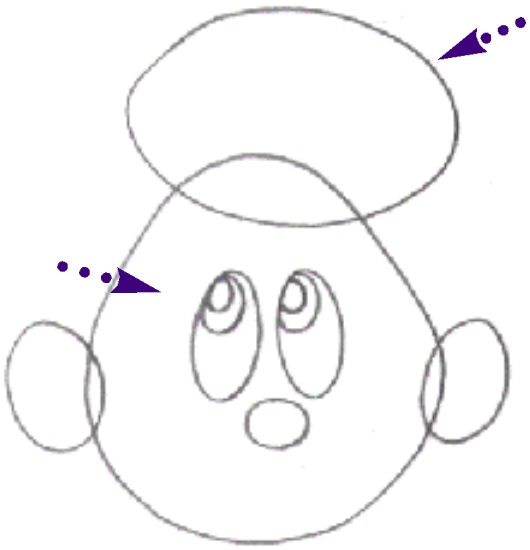


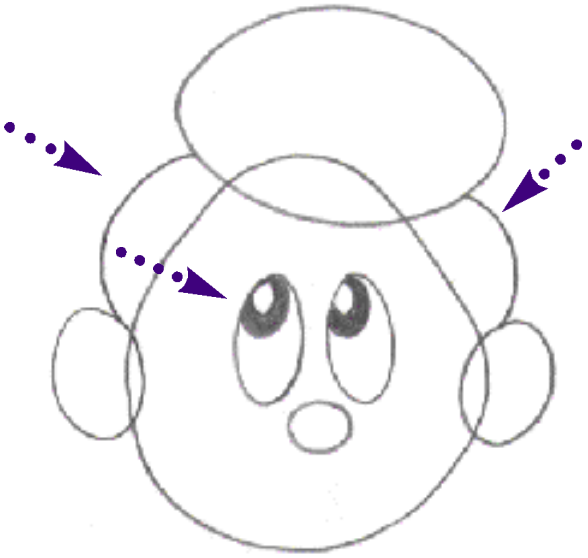
1 Sketch a large **oval** for the head, with a smaller **oval** inside it for the nose.



2 Sketch four more **ovals** for the eyes and ears.



3 Sketch a big **oval** on the top for hair. Draw two **circles** inside each eye.



4 Add a **curved line** on each side to make more hair. Darken around the top circle of the eye.

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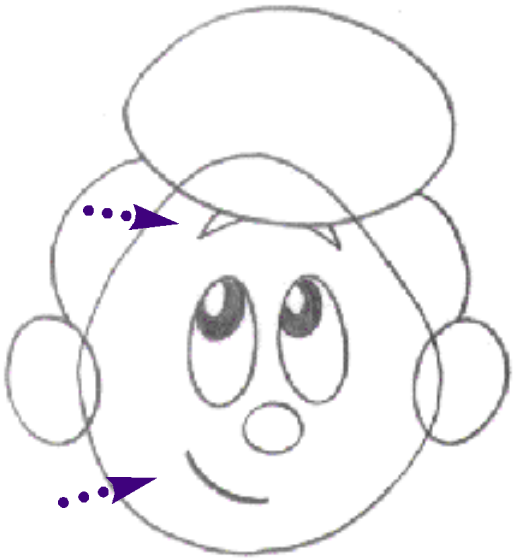
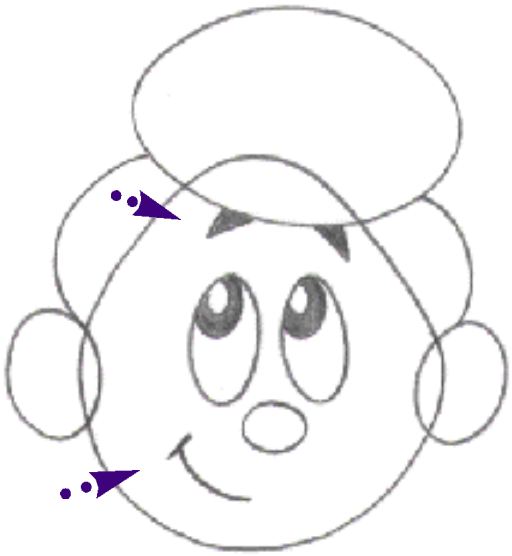
5 Draw two small **triangles** for eyebrows. Sketch a small **curved line** for the mouth.

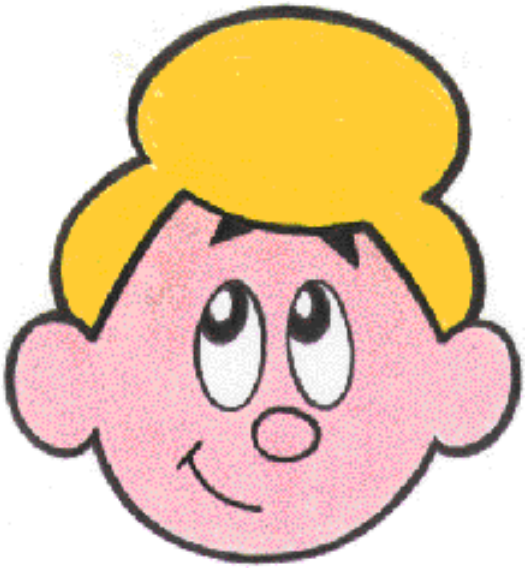




6 Darken the eyebrows. Put a small **line** on the end of the mouth.

7 LOOK at the final drawing! Erase the extra sketch lines. Darken the final lines. Add color.

Nice job!



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Girl's Face

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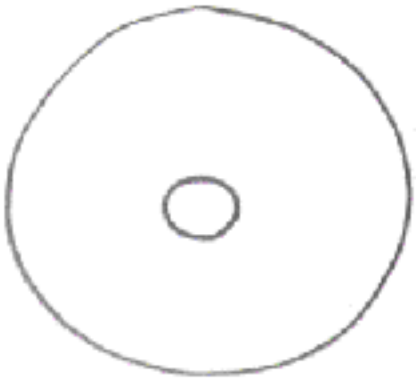
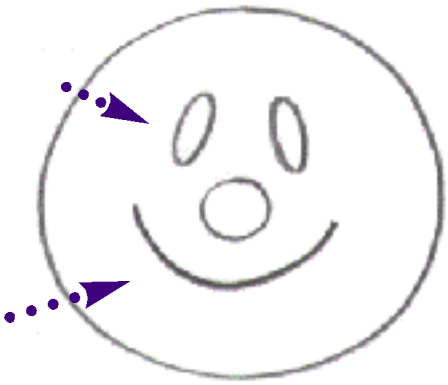
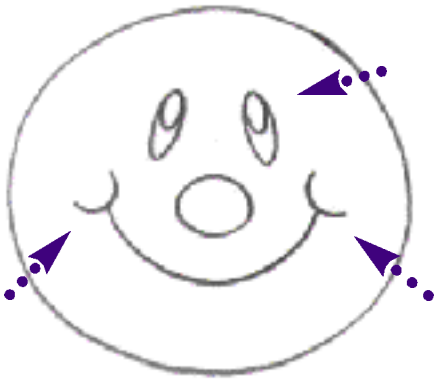


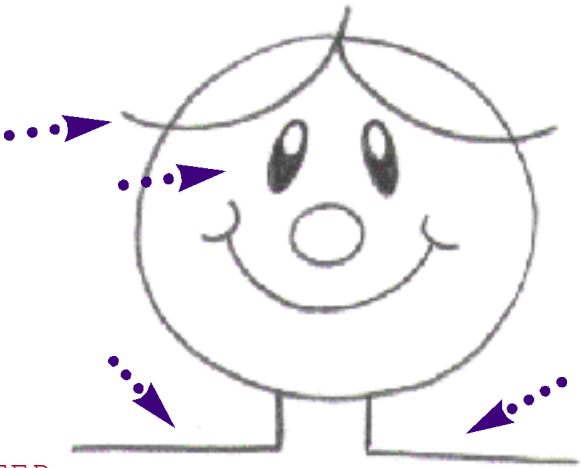
1 Sketch a **circle** with a small **circle** in the center.



2 Add small **ovals** for eyes. Draw a **curved line** for the mouth.



3 Draw small **ovals** inside the eyes. Add a small **curved line** on each end of the mouth.



4 Sketch two **curved lines** for hair. Darken part of the eyes. Draw L-shaped **lines** for the neck and shoulders.

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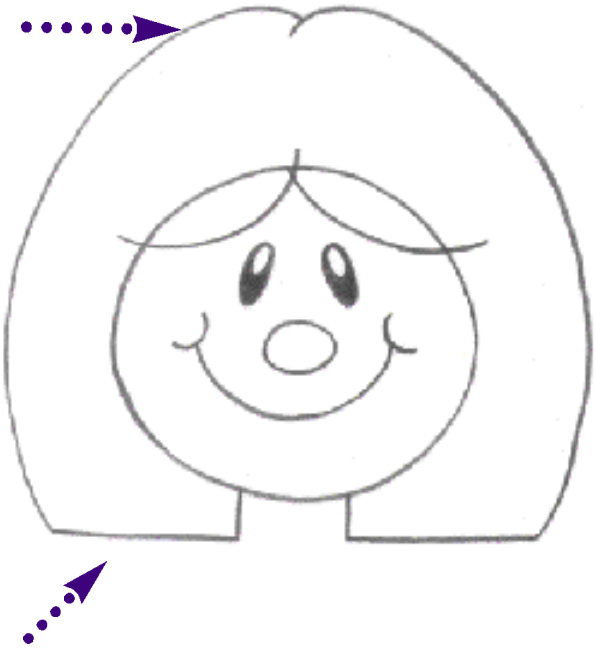
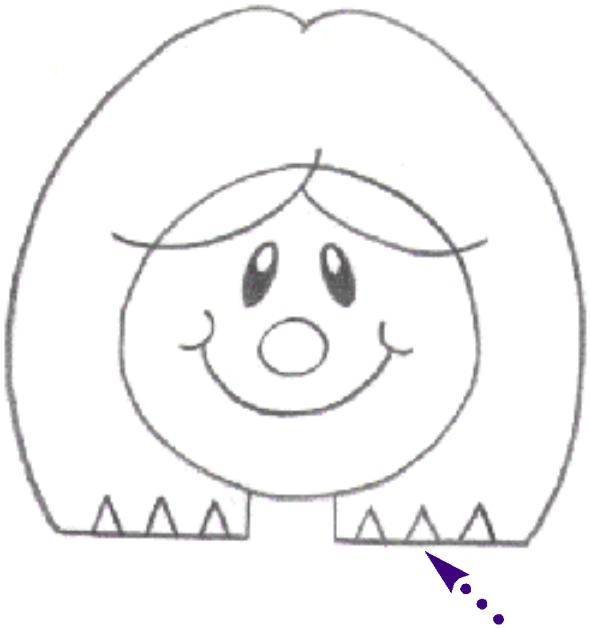
5 Draw two long **curved lines**, meeting in the middle, for the hair. Draw **straight lines** for the bottom of the hair line.

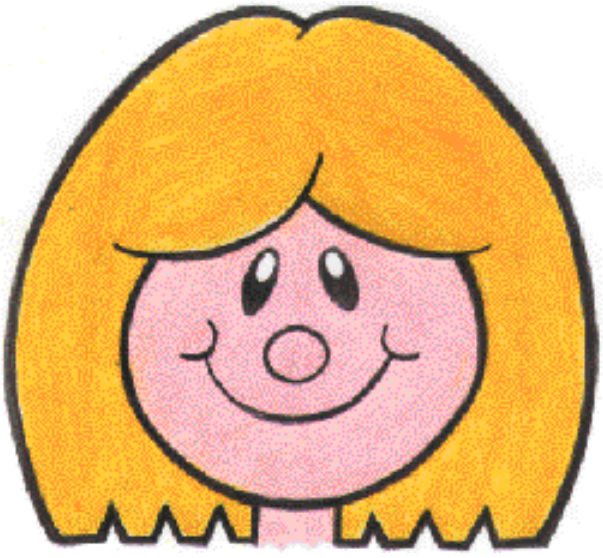




6 Draw a few **triangles** to make the jagged ends of her hair.

7 LOOK at the final drawing! Erase the extra sketch lines. Add color.

Great girl's face!



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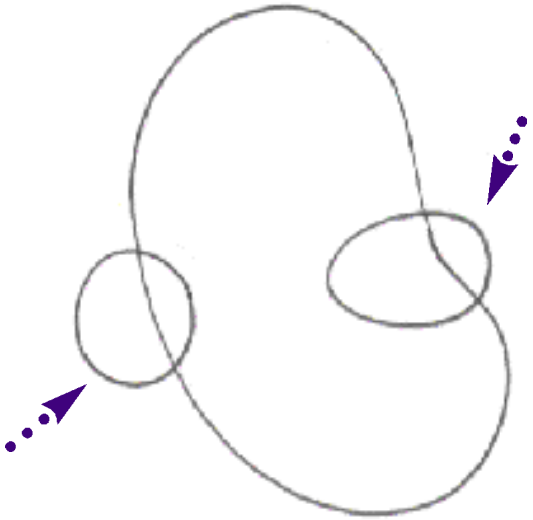
Man's Face

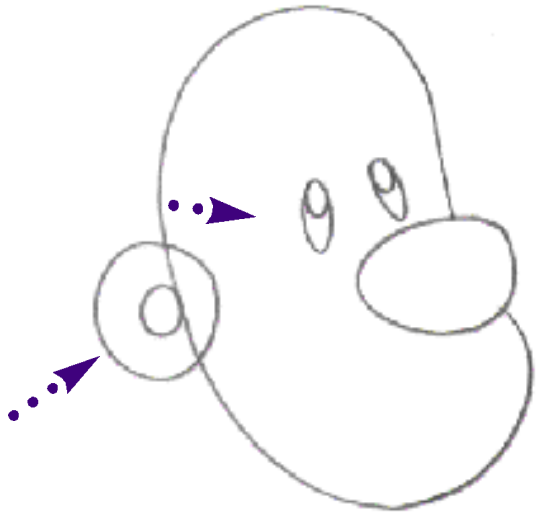
Let's draw a father for the boy and girl.

1 This time, sketch a squashed **oval**, the shape of a kidney bean.



2 Sketch two **ovals**, for the nose and ear.

3 Draw two **ovals**, one inside the other, for each eye. Draw a **circle** inside the ear.



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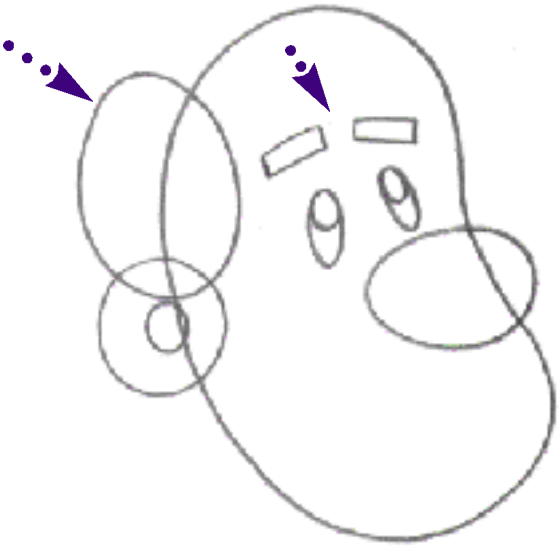
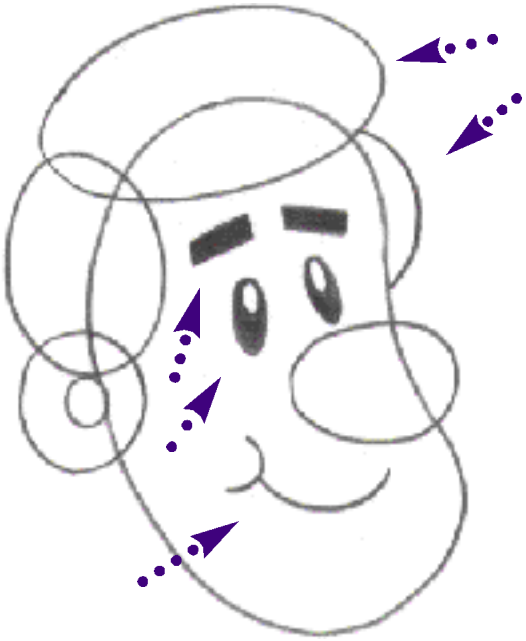
4 Sketch an **oval**, above the ear, for hair. Sketch two **rectangles**, above the eyes, for eyebrows.

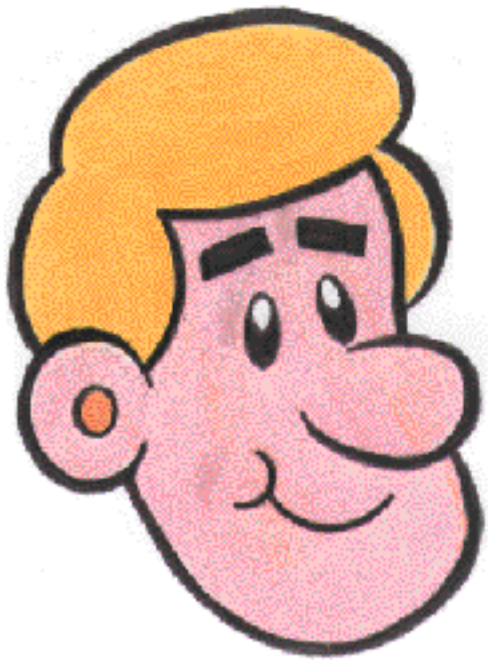




5 Sketch an **oval** on top and a **curved line** on the side, for more hair. Darken the eyebrows and part of each eye. Draw two **curved lines** for his mouth.

6 LOOK at the final drawing! Erase extra sketch lines. Add color.

Fabulous father!



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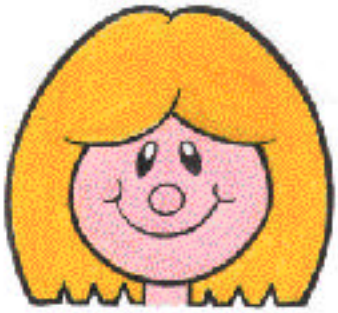

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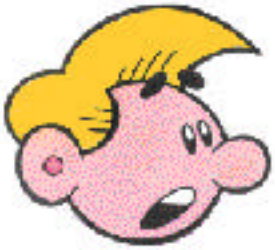
Grab a pencil and let's get started!



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